



## **Fresno County Sheriff's Department**

**Margaret Mims, Sheriff  
News Release**

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### **The Fresno County Sheriff's Department Announces the implementation of the Sheriff's Inmate Labor Crew (SILC) Graffiti Abatement Program**

**FRESNO** – Sheriff Margaret Mims announces the implementation of the Sheriff's Inmate Labor Crew (SILC) Graffiti Abatement Program. On February 9, 2007 at 9:30 am, a press conference will be held at Golden State Boulevard and Maple Avenue, near the highway off-ramp on the frontage road.

The Sheriff's Department will be working in partnership with the community by using inmate labor as a resource. The inmates will be utilized to complete beautification projects that help to improve the quality of life for the residents of rural Fresno County. A major component of this beautification project is the removal of graffiti. In addition to Graffiti Abatement, inmate labor will also be utilized to clean and remove illegal dumping from Fresno County roadways and alleys.

Requests for service can either be made by calling the newly established Graffiti Hotline at **(559) 262-4236** or by accessing the Fresno County Sheriff's Department's Internet website at [www.fresnosheriff.org](http://www.fresnosheriff.org). Log onto the website, click on the Graffiti Reporting link and complete and submit the form.